

**CHARTER COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
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**TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2006
REGULAR MEETING**

**CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ROOM
SECOND FLOOR
CITY HALL**

2:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order by Chair Donn Takaki

2. Executive Administrator's Report

Report, discussion and action regarding, among other matters:

- Recently completed community meetings in Kailua, Kapolei, and Hawaii Kai
- Next steps, including the next round of voting and the work of the Committee on Style and Committee on Submission and Information
- Dates, locations, and structure of future meetings
- Status of budget process

3. Discussion and Action on Amendments to Proposals

The primary purpose of this meeting is to discuss possible amendments to the remaining proposals before the Commission. The Commission requests that testifiers limit their comments on potential amendments to the proposals as described below, and **not** on the merits of the existing proposals.

NOTE: The Commission will **not** be voting on whether or not to include these proposals on the ballot during this meeting. Debate and discussion as to whether any of the remaining proposals should be included on the 2006 General Election ballot will occur during the next round of voting meetings, currently scheduled for May 2 and May 10, 2006.

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All proposals are posted in PDF format on the Charter Commission website at <http://www.honolulu.gov/chc>. Hard copies are available for review at the Charter Commission office and the Municipal Library.

Also please note: Due to the anticipated length of the meeting, the Commission plans to take a short recess at approximately 4:00 p.m., and may take an approximately 30-minute recess from 5:45-6:15 p.m.

PART 1 – COMBINATION OF HOUSEKEEPING AMENDMENTS

The Commission will discuss and act on the option of combining some or all of the following “housekeeping” proposed amendments into a single proposal or potential ballot item:

PROPOSAL 51 - Department of Customer Services; Include the Director of Customer Services as a department head who must be nominated by the Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council, and may be removed by the Mayor.

PROPOSAL 53 - City Council; Allow the Council to designate which Councilmember will serve as Council chair and presiding officer pro tempore when both the chair and vice-chair are absent or disabled.

PROPOSAL 61 - Councilmember terms; Change the beginning time of the terms of Councilmember.

PROPOSAL 75 – Ethics Commission; Include the prohibition against Ethics Commissioners taking an active part in political management or political campaigns set forth in the Hawaii Constitution Article XIV.

PROPOSAL 76 – Police; Delete prohibition of political activities by police department employees.

PROPOSAL 77 – Royal Hawaiian Band; Delete the reference to Royal Hawaiian Band in "Appointment, Confirmation and Removal of Officers and Employees".

PROPOSAL 78 – Civil Defense Agency; Delete the reference to Civil Defense Agency in "Appointment, Confirmation and Removal of Officers and Employees".

PROPOSAL S-6 - Petitions; Delete requirement of Social Security numbers on petitions.

PART 2 - PROPOSALS SUBJECT TO AMENDMENTS AS DRAFTED OR PREVIOUSLY RAISED

The Commission will discuss and act on revisions to the following proposals. These possible amendments were either raised in earlier meetings or evident from the face of the proposal.

PROPOSAL 9 - Neighborhood Commission; Establish direct relationship between Commission and Executive Secretary.

Among other possible amendments, the Commission will discuss whether to combine various concepts raised in various Neighborhood Board and Neighborhood Commission-related proposals.

PROPOSAL 13 - Neighborhood Commission; Revise the Powers, Duties and Functions of the Neighborhood Commission.

Among other possible amendments, the Commission will discuss whether to combine various concepts raised in various Neighborhood Board and Neighborhood Commission-related proposals.

PROPOSAL 31 - Impeachment; Provisions re impeachment of elected officials are invalid; options to correct the charter.

Among other possible amendments, the Commission will discuss the form and intent of this proposal.

PROPOSAL 45 - Board of Water Supply; Amend qualifications of Board Members.

Among other possible amendments, the Commission will discuss changes to the proposed qualifications of board members.

PROPOSAL 55 - Term Limits; Re term limits for Councilmembers.

Among other possible amendments, the Commission will discuss alternatives to address issues relating to future reapportionment.

PROPOSAL 86 - City Council; Increase the number of members on the City Council from 9 to 11 or 13.

Among other possible amendments, the Commission will discuss this proposal should specify 11, 13, or some other number as an increase to the current composition of the City Council.

PROPOSAL 91 - Property Taxes and New Fund; Set aside one-half percent (1/2%) of real property tax revenues for land and natural resources protection and one-half percent (1/2%) of real property tax revenues for affordable housing.

Among other possible amendments, the Commission will discuss whether this proposal should address relief for the homeless rather than affordable housing.

PROPOSAL 96 - Environmental Bill of Rights; Add new article with an "environmental bill of rights" for current and future residents.

Among other possible amendments, the Commission will discuss changes to the statement and consider possible charter sections in which it may be appropriate for placement.

PROPOSAL S-9 - Department of Transportation Services - Revise Powers, Duties and Functions; Promote pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly city

Among other possible amendments, the Commission will discuss whether to delete the proposed new section 6-170_ , “It shall be a priority of the department of transportation services to make Honolulu a pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly city”

PART 3 - DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON REMAINING PROPOSALS

The Commission may also discuss and act on possible amendments to the following remaining proposals.

CATEGORY A - DEPARTMENTS AND PERSONNEL

PROPOSAL 27 - Liquor Commission and Civil Service; Exempt Liquor Control Administrator and Deputy Administrator from civil service.

PROPOSAL 33 - Department of Emergency Services; Revise the Powers, Duties and Functions of the Director and the Department.

PROPOSAL 35 - Department of Information Technology; Revise the Powers, Duties and Functions of the Director.

PROPOSAL 36 - Fire Chief; Revise the Powers, Duties and Functions of the Fire Chief and the Fire Department.

PROPOSAL 49 - Office of Council Services; To authorize the attorneys in the Office of Council Services to serve as legal advisers and legal representatives of the City Council along with the Department of Corporation Counsel.

PROPOSAL 56 - Fire Chief; Establish a 5-year term of office for the Fire Chief.

PROPOSAL 57 - Transportation; Establish a new, temporary agency in the city to develop the new public transportation system to be funded by the tax surcharge.

CATEGORY B - PLANNING, ZONING, AND ENVIRONMENT

PROPOSAL 7 - Sustainable Community Plans and Development Plans.

PROPOSAL 21 – Planning and Zoning; Establish urban growth boundaries and agricultural protection zones.

PROPOSAL 22 - Planning Commission; Restore the position of Executive Secretary.

PROPOSAL 32 - Planning Commission; Establish deadlines for Mayor and City Council to act on certain Planning Commission recommendations.

PROPOSAL 47 – Planning and Zoning; Establish urban growth boundaries.

PROPOSAL 69 - Planning and Zoning; Require 2/3rds vote for Planning Commission and City Council before agricultural land can be converted to urban use.

PROPOSAL 71 - Department of Environmental Services; Require the Director to develop and administer a curbside recycling program.

PROPOSAL 98 - City Buildings and Department of Design and Construction; Require City Council to adopt green building standards for city buildings, revise Department of Design and Construction duties to comply with green building standards.

PROPOSAL 99 - Development Plans and Zoning; Require that when an acre of land is converted from agricultural or preservation designations, an acre of land will be converted to those designations, ensuring no net loss of agriculture or preservation lands.

CATEGORY C – ETHICS AND STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

PROPOSAL 28 - Ethics Commission; Allow the Ethics Commission to impose civil fines.

PROPOSAL 30 - Ethics, Charter Commission, Reapportionment Commission; Include the members of the Charter and Reapportionment Commissions as city officers for purposes of the ethics laws.

PROPOSAL 41 - Standards of Conduct; Codify within the charter existing state law and provide uniform standards of conduct within all city entities.

CATEGORY D - BUDGET, COUNCIL, AND OTHER PROCEDURES

PROPOSAL 1 - Salary Commission; Amend provision regarding Council review of Commission findings.

PROPOSAL 34 - Budget; Administration and enforcement of the executive capital budget ordinance -- lapse in 12 rather than 6 months.

PROPOSAL 52 - Budget; Require that the Mayor sign a budget bill before exercising line-item veto authority.

PROPOSAL 54 - Ordinances; Clarify that amendments to existing codified ordinances may be made by the City Council by reference to the codified provisions, rather than by reference to the numbered ordinances that may be enacted.

PROPOSAL S-10 - Public notices; Distribution of public notices via a widely accessible electronic medium.

CATEGORY E - ELECTIONS AND REPRESENTATION

PROPOSAL 5 - Elections; Eliminate the first special election when there are only two candidates for an office.

4. Committee Reports

- a. Budget Committee, Chair James Myers, Members Andrew Chang, Darolyn Lendio
- b. Submission and Information Committee, Chair Jan Sullivan, Members Gordon Grau, Amy Hirano
- c. Personnel Committee, Chair Darolyn Lendio, Members Jeff Mikulina, Donn Takaki
- d. Rules Committee, Chair Jared Kawashima, Members Jeff Mikulina, Malcolm Tom.

5. Officers Reports

- a. Chair Donn Takaki
- b. Vice-Chair Jeff Mikulina

- c. Treasurer Jim Myers
- d. Secretary James Pacopac

6. Announcements

7. Next Meeting of the Charter Commission

The Commission is tentatively scheduled to meet on Tuesday, May 2, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. and Wednesday, May 10, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting on which proposals will be placed on the 2006 General Election ballot.

8. Adjournment

Notice regarding public testimony:

Please note that under the Rules of the Commission, speakers are requested to submit two copies of their testimony. Written testimony may be mailed to the Commission, faxed to 592-8633, or e-mailed to charter@honolulu.gov. The Commission requests that written testimony be submitted no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting; however, if you bring written testimony directly to the meeting, the Commission requests that you bring 20 copies. Testimony will be accepted on agenda items only, and will be taken at the time the item comes up for discussion by the Commission.

You are requested to register to speak if you wish to provide oral testimony. Generally, oral testimony will be limited to five minutes. However, a speaker's time may be limited to three minutes if, in the discretion of the chair, such limitation is necessary to accommodate all persons desiring to address the commission at the meeting.